

MINUTES  
Community Center Advisory Board  
Village of Key Biscayne, Florida  
Thursday, November 20, 2006

Key Biscayne Community Center  
10 Village Green Way

7:00 P.M.

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:** The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM. Present were board members Sixto Campano, Jim Leavitt, Donna Rice, and Bonnie Cooper. Also present were Councilmember Weinman, Alan Fein, David Palmer, Yanis Pickieris and staff members Todd Hofferberth and Maite Miyares.

**Additions to the Agenda:** Equipment Replacement, Operational Comment, Fundraising, Long Term Rentals, Maintenance and the Operational Audit.

**Staff Update:** The customer satisfaction survey prepared by leisure vision will be finished by the end of November. The staff discussed the equipment replacement program. The new televisions have been installed and have been well received. Dr. Leavitt suggests we purchase a portable bench, specialty bars, different abs machine and he also suggests monthly maintenance of the spinning bikes.

**Studio Space Presentation:** David Palmer and Yanis Pickieris of Maximum Dance present a plan for a performing arts conservatory in Key Biscayne.. The performing arts conservatory will provide dance, drama and music instruction. The performing arts conservatory could be housed in the Esplanade Mall in the old studio space which is 5,400 sq. feet. The presentation began by Mr. Palmer and Mr. Pickeris explaining that they would like to create a dance, music and drama conservatory in Key Biscayne and also as house their company Max Dance Theater in the same location. They feel they can create a cultural center that is currently lacking in Miami Dade County. Ms. Cooper asked who they would like to serve and Mr. Campano asked why they would want to do this in Key Biscayne. Mr. Palmer states that they would like to get families involved. They would like to offer something to the serious student, the non-serious student and the family as a whole. They feel that this satellite would really work on Key Biscayne. The classes would be opened to the public after priority registration for residents. Dr. Leavitt feels that there are certain problems in creating competition for the Community Center. As far as music they would like to offer piano, and workshops such as jazz weekends and percussion weekends. The board feels staff should continue to explore and further develop the concept. Mr. Campano feels it is dangerous to send a recommendation to Council without further exploring this concept.

**Unanimous Motion:** There has been a presentation, and the Community Center Advisory Boards feels that there is great potential for the Village and they feel there is enough interest that it should be explored.

#### Maintenance:

Ms. Cooper states that she has gotten more complaints about maintenance than anything else. The complaints are that the machines, bathrooms, floors, floor boards etc. are not clean. The Board is concerned with the overall condition of the building. Staff will look at the contract and bring back alternatives to address this issue. Ms. Rice suggests finding a company that specializes in Wellness Centers. Ms. Cooper would like to discuss fees in the next meeting. Mr. Hofferberth explained that staff is looking at a new elevator.

#### Community Center Budget:

The budget was approved as presented and the subsidy is still \$250,000. Councilmember Weinman states that we need to have our subsidy at the 25% mark as it was originally planned. Dr. Leavitt feels that we need to present utilization data. Mr. Campano also states that we need to look at capital set aside.

#### Fundraising:

Dr. Leavitt would like to raise \$3 million dollars to set up an endowment. Dr. Leavitt suggests we do the bricks, the wall and special recognition plaques for those people who give significant amounts. The Board would like to address this issue in depth at the next meeting.

#### Operations:

Dr. Leavitt feels that the registration process is disorganized.

#### Rental Fee:

Ms. Cooper brought up the discussion of long term rentals for not for profit organizations. The Board discussed the Rotary Club Friday Morning Rentals. Staff stated that the Village offers an alternative to the Community Center, which is the Community Room.

Next Meeting December 12<sup>th</sup> 2006

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM by Dr. Leavitt.

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